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ECOSYSTEMS (02.02-13)

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM SOVIET LEADER OF
SUBJECT PROJECT, N. DUTORIN, FOR DR. DONALD MOUNT.
INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION AND SUMMARY FOLLOWS PARA 2
BELOW. ORIGINAL POUCHED TO SHOSTAL, REGISTRY NO. 952766.

2. DEAR DR. MOUNT:
THANK YOU FOR THE MATERIALS ON THE GREAT LAKES WHICH ARE
OF GREAT INTEREST TO US. AT PRESENT WE ARE MAKING PLANS
FOR COOPERATION ON PROJECT 02.02-13 FOR 1978. THE PLAN
PROVIDES FOR AN EXCHANGE OF SPECIALISTS, IN PARTICULAR,
(FOR) JOINT WORK ON DETERMINATION OF OPTIMUM
METHODS OF ESTABLISHING WATER QUALITY CRITERIA FOR WATER
RESERVOIRS.

I WELCOME PARTICIPATION IN THIS WORK OF DR. MULLER FROM
YOUR LABORATORY. THIS WORK IN GENERAL WILL INCLUDE AN
EXPERIMENT ON STUDIES OF THE INFLUENCE OF CERTAIN POLLU-
TANTS (DETERGENTS OR PESTICIDES) ON MICROFLORA, PLANKTONIC
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AND BENTHONIC ORGANISMS. OF PLANKTONIC ORGANISMS MAY BE
TAKEN FILTRATORS (FOR EXAMPLE DAPHNIA) AND PREDATORS
(CYCLOPS STRENUUS, POLYPHENMUS, ACANTHOCYCLOPS VIRIDIS)
OR ROTIFERS OF ASPALANCHA GENUS; OF BENTHONIC ORGAN-
ISMS CHYDORIDAE OR CHIRONOMIDAE MAY BE TAKEN.

DURING THE EXPERIMENT THE FOLLOWING IS TO BE DETERMINED:

CONCENTRATIONS OF POLLUTANTS IN THE WATER AND SOIL, CHANGES OF CONCENTRATIONS, CHEMICAL INGREDIENTS, NUMBERS OF TEST ANIMALS, THEIR AGE COMPOSITION AND BIOLOGY, BREATHING INTENSITY, DEGREE OF ACCUMULATION OF POLLUTANTS IN ADULT ANIMALS' BODIES, IN EGGS, IN NEWBORNS, FERMEN-TATIVE CHANGES OF TESTED SPECIES, THEIR SURVIVAL RATE AND AS A RESULT DETERMINATION OF TOLERANCE AND LIMINAL CONCENTRATIONS.

THE BIOLOGICAL PART OF THE EXPERIMENT ON STUDIES OF THE POLLUTANTS INFLUENCE ON BIOGENOSIS IS TO BE CARRIED OUT BY SOVIET SPECIALISTS. AMERICAN SPECIALISTS WILL PROVIDE INSTRUMENTATION BASED EVALUATION OF POLLUTANTS CONTENTS IN THE WATER, WATER ORGANISMS, BOTTOM SEDIMENTS.

WE PLAN TO CARRY OUT THIS WORK IN THE USSR AT THE BASE OF BORK. IF THIS WORK IS A SUCCESS WE SHOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE THESE EXPERIMENTS IN THE USA AT YOUR LABORATORY. SINCERELY, N. BUTORIN. TOON

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